

(c) *Fixed rate loan* means any loan on which the interest rate is not subject to adjustment or variation over the term of the loan, even though the effective interest rate on the loan may be so subject.

(d) *Interest rate* means the stated contract rate of interest applicable to the loan at a point in time, excluding any charges payable by the borrower in obtaining the loan.

(e) *Loan* means a loan made to a farmer, rancher, or producer or harvester of aquatic products, for any agricultural or aquatic purpose and other credit needs of the borrower, including financing for basic processing and marketing directly related to the borrower's operations and those of other eligible farmers, ranchers, and producers or harvesters of aquatic products.

(f) *Loan origination charges* mean initial one-time transaction charges or fees, which may or may not be computed as a percentage of the transaction amount, and which are imposed on a borrower by a qualified lender to obtain a loan, but do not include charges imposed by someone other than the lender for services that are not required by the lender.

(g) *Qualified lender* means:

(1) A System institution that makes loans (as defined in paragraph (e) of this section) except a bank for cooperatives; and

(2) Each bank, institution, corporation, company, union, and association described in section 1.7(b)(1)(B) of the Act but only with respect to loans discounted or pledged under section 1.7(b)(1) of the Act.

(h) *Standard adjustments factors* means those financial elements, including but not limited to, a qualified lender's cost of funds, operating expenses, provision for loan losses, and changes in retained earnings, which are typically taken into consideration by a qualified lender in adjusting the interest rate on loans.

§ 614.4367 Required disclosures—in general.

(a) Each qualified lender shall furnish the following information in writing to a prospective borrower not later than the time of the loan closing:

(1) The current rate of interest on the loan;

(2) In the case of an adjustable rate loan:

(i) The amount and frequency by which the interest rate can be adjusted during the term of the loan or, if there are no limitations on the amount or frequency of such adjustments, a statement to that effect; and

(ii) An identification of the specific standard adjustment factors that are taken into account in making adjustments to the interest rate on the loan;

(3) The current effective interest rate on the loan with one or more representative examples of the impact of stock or participation certificate ownership and applicable loan origination charges on the current interest rate computed on an annualized basis;

(4) A statement indicating that stock that is purchased is at risk;

(5) A statement indicating the various types of loan options available to borrowers, with an explanation of the terms and borrower's rights that apply to each type of loan.

(b) For loans that will or may be pooled for sale on the secondary market created under section 8.9 of the Act, in addition to the loan disclosure in paragraph (a) of this section, at the time of application for a loan, a qualified lender shall provide the following:

(1) Notification that the loan will or may be pooled;

(2) Notification that, if the loan will be pooled, the borrower will be required to execute, within 3 days of commitment, a waiver of his right to have the loan considered for restructuring under title IV of the Act and 12 CFR part 614, with a statement that rights, if any, under applicable State laws are not waived; the notification shall state that the rights prescribed by sections 4.14, 4.14A, 4.14B, 4.14C, 4.14D and 4.36 will not apply if the loan is pooled;

(3) Notification that the borrower has the right not to have his loan pooled;

(4) Notification that, within 3 days of commitment, the applicant has the right to refuse to allow the loan to be pooled, thereby retaining any restructuring rights later applicable to his loan; and

(5) Notification of any other terms and conditions that may apply to a loan which will or may be pooled that differ from a loan which is not pooled.

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(c) Each qualified lender that adjusts the interest rate on an outstanding loan shall furnish the following information in writing to the borrower:

- (1) The new interest rate on the loan;
- (2) The date on which the new rate is effective; and

(3) A statement of any factors other than standard adjustment factors which were taken into account in establishing the new interest rate. The notice required by this paragraph shall be made not later than 10 days after the effective date of a change in the interest rate. However, if the interest rate is directly tied to an external index that is widely publicized, the notice of change must be made promptly but not later than 30 days after the change in interest rate.

(d) Each qualified lender that takes any action which changes the amount of stock or participation certificates which borrowers are required to own and that modifies the effective interest rate on a loan shall furnish the following information in writing to the borrower at least 10 days before the date on which such action takes effect:

(1) The impact on the effective interest rate by disclosing the new effective interest rate or by a representative example;

(2) The date on which the new rate is effective; and

(3) A statement of the action(s) taken by the qualified lender that have resulted in the new effective interest rate.

(e) In the case of a loan involving more than one primary obligor, the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section will be satisfied by providing the disclosure to any one of such parties.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 62 FR 63647, Dec. 2, 1997, § 614.4367 was amended by removing paragraph (b) and redesignating paragraphs (c) through (e) as (b) through (d), effective upon the expiration of 30 days after publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER during which either or both houses of Congress are in effect. Notice of the effective date will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

APPENDIX TO 12 CFR 614.4367—REQUIRED DISCLOSURE

MODEL DISCLOSURE FORMS

GENERAL

The following are model disclosure forms which qualified lenders may use to satisfy the notification requirements of section 4.13(a) of the Act and of 12 CFR 614.4367. The forms have been developed in order to give qualified lenders an idea of the type and extent of information that should be contained therein. Qualified lenders are not required to follow the format of the sample forms. Qualified lenders may develop and use other forms provided the statements contain comparable disclosures in clear, understandable English and otherwise meet the requirements of the Act and regulations.

Form 1

This loan is *NOT* subject to the Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.* The following disclosure is made in accordance with section 4.13(a) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 2199.

INTEREST RATE DISCLOSURE

Date: _____

Lender: _____
(Name)

Borrower: _____
(Name)

STATED INTEREST RATE

The rate of interest currently applicable to your loan

(Percentage)

EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE¹

The stated rate of interest adjusted to take into account loan origination charges and purchase of stock

(Percentage)

Check Applicable Box

- ☐ This is a **FIXED RATE LOAN**—the stated rate of interest is not subject to change during the life of the loan.
- ☐ This is an **ADJUSTABLE RATE LOAN**—

¹This is a projection subject to change should particular loan provisions be modified during the term of the loan, such as the amount of stock or participation certificates held or the timing of repayment. For example, if the amount of stock or participation certificates held is increased to _____, the effective interest rate will be _____.

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the stated rate of interest is subject to change during the life of the loan.

If an Adjustable Rate Loan—

The interest rate on the loan may be changed (*Period*).

The interest rate may be changed a maximum \pm (*Percentage*).

You will be notified 10 days prior to any increase in the effective rate or simultaneously with any decrease in the effective rate.

The Standard Adjustment Factor(s) which the institution takes into account in making adjustments to the interest rate is (are) (*list the factors*).

The Standard Adjustment Factors may ☐ or may not ☐ be changed during the life of the loan.

Except with respect to eligible borrower stock under section 4.9A of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, stock that is purchased in this institution is at risk.

See your contract documents for further information on loan terms and conditions.

Should you have any questions concerning the information contained in this form please contact us at (*Telephone Number*).

Form 2

This loan is not subject to the Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.* The following disclosure is made in accordance with section 4.13(a) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 2199.

DISCLOSURE OF A CHANGE IN THE EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE

Date: _____

Lender: _____
(Name)

Borrower: _____
(Name)

This is to inform you that on (*loan and loan number*),

☐ The effective rate of interest will be adjusted effective (*Date*).

The effective rate of interest on your loan is changed to (*Percentage*) from (*Percentage*).

This change resulted from a:

☐ 1. Change in the amount of stock borrowers are required to hold in the lender to (*Percentage*) from (*Percentage*).

☐ 2. Change in the stated rate of interest on your loan effective (*Date*).

The stated rate of interest on your loan changed to (*Percentage*) from (*Percentage*).

The change was computed based on the:

☐ Standard adjustment factors—factors mentioned on the initial interest rate disclosure.

☐ Other—describe.

☐ 3. Change for other reasons—describe.

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Should you have any questions concerning the information contained herein, please contact us at (*Telephone Number*).

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§ 614.4368 Disclosure of differential interest rates.

(a) A qualified lender offering more than one rate of interest to borrowers shall, at the request of a borrower:

(1) Provide a review of the loan to determine if the proper interest rate has been established;

(2) Explain to the borrower in writing the basis for the interest rate charged; and

(3) Explain to the borrower in writing how the credit status of the borrower may be improved to receive a lower interest rate on the loan.

(b) A qualified lender offering more than one rate of interest as described in paragraph (a) of this section, shall notify prospective borrowers not later than the time of loan closing of their right to request a review under paragraph (a) of this section.

Subpart L—Actions on Applications; Review of Credit Decisions

SOURCE: 53 FR 35452, Sept. 14, 1988, unless otherwise noted.

§ 614.4440 Definitions.

For purposes of this subpart, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) *Adverse credit decision* means a decision to deny the credit applied for, or approve an extension of credit in an amount less than the amount applied for; to deny an application for restructuring;

(b) *Applicant* means any person who completes and executes a formal application for an extension of credit from a qualified lender, or a borrower who completes an application for restructuring;

(c) *Application for restructuring* means a written request—

(1) From a borrower for the restructuring of a distressed loan in accordance with a preliminary restructuring plan proposed by the borrower as a part of the application;